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In response to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, IHCDCA offers the following program flexibility:

For agencies that currently rely on the Indiana Community Needs Assessment 2018 Report to meet Organizational Standard 3.1, the deadline for their next Community Needs Assessment to be completed and published was set to December 31, 2020 in IHCDCA guidance CSBG-019-01. That deadline is now extended to **March 31, 2021**.

Agencies should note that once the needs assessment is completed and published, it must be accepted by the governing board (Organizational Standard 3.5) and shared with the community (Organizational Standard 3.1). For more information on needs assessment requirements, refer to the [2020 CSBG CAR Tool](#).

Please direct all questions regarding this guidance to Veronica Watson at [vwatson@ihcda.in.gov](mailto:vwatson@ihcda.in.gov).



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